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Franklin County Commissioners to Spotlight \$2 million Collection from Online Auctions, New Purchasing Policy to Help Local Small Businesses

Franklin County's innovative efforts to sell surplus and outdated equipment by using online auctions have reached \$2 million -- only the second Ohio county to hit that mark -- and are helping local suburbs and townships stretch tight budgets.

At their General Session on Tuesday, Franklin County Commissioners will be asked to vote on renewing the successful GovDeals online auction service which has helped the County sell a wide-range of outdated equipment, including computers, furniture, cars and motorcycles, school buses, a giant water tower, and more than 1,200 voting machines.

The effort also includes a popular partnership with several local suburbs and townships to sell their surplus equipment through the County's online auctions. The Director of Franklin County's Purchasing Department and the Finance Director for Grandview Heights will share with Commissioners how the GovDeals auctions have provided local jurisdictions with nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

Also on Tuesday, County Commissioners will be asked to approve an updated purchasing policy -- the competitive bidding rules and requirements for local vendors wanting to do business with County agencies -- which will include new guidelines aimed at giving more opportunity to small-sized companies.

A representative of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) -- the organization that worked with lawmakers on statewide guidelines -- will share with Commissioners how the minor modifications to the updated policy reflect changes to the Ohio Revised Code and efforts to streamline the government purchasing process.

WHAT:

County Commissioners to Highlight Success of Online Auctions, New Purchasing Policy

WHO:

Franklin County Commissioners
Director of Franklin County's Purchasing Department
Finance Director for City of Grandview Heights
CCAO Managing Director for Research

WHERE:

Franklin County Government Center - Commissioners Meeting Room
373 South High St., Columbus - 26th Floor

WHEN:

Tuesday, January 8, 2013
9:00am